

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2159

By Mr. Loscocco of Holliston, petition of Paul J.P. Loscocco and others relative to the financing of operating expenses of the Central Artery Project, so-called, in the city of Boston. Transportation.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

Paul J.P. Loscocco  
Stephen P. LeDuc

David Paul Linsky

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

### AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCING OF OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE CENTRAL ARTERY PROJECT.

1     *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2     defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the financing  
3     of operating expenses of the Central Artery Project and related  
4     operating expenses, therefore it is hereby declared to be emer-  
5     gency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
6     convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 3 of Chapter 81A of the General Laws,  
2     as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3     inserting, in line 65, after the definition of “highway department”  
4     the following definition:—  
5     “Inflation index,” the per cent change in inflation as measured  
6     by the per cent change in the consumer price index for all urban  
7     consumers for the Boston metropolitan area as determined by the  
8     bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor.

1     SECTION 2. Paragraph (c) of section 12 of Chapter 81A of the  
2     General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting,  
3     in line 84, after the words “and maintenance during such fiscal

4 year” the following words:— on account of the central artery and  
5 the central artery north area transferred or to be transferred to the  
6 authority.

1 SECTION 3. Said paragraph (c) is hereby further amended by  
2 inserting, in line 90, after the fourth sentence thereof the following  
3 three sentences:— Not later than December 31, 2005, the secretary  
4 of administration and finance, on behalf of the commonwealth, shall,  
5 with the concurrence of the secretary of transportation and construc-  
6 tion, amend such contract to provide that the payment on account of  
7 the fiscal year during which the transfer of the final segment of the  
8 central artery and the central artery north area to the authority occurs  
9 shall be no more than \$40,000,000. For each fiscal year thereafter  
10 during the term of such contract, such payment shall equal the pay-  
11 ment for the prior fiscal year increased by the greater of (i) three per  
12 cent or (ii) the inflation index for the preceding fiscal year as certi-  
13 fied by the secretary of administration and finance on March 1 of  
14 each year, commencing the March 1 following such transfer.